

TIKAROHIA TE MARAMA

September 2009

KAUMATUA MEET TO DISCUSS POLITICS



Above left: Iwi representatives preparing for powhiri Pictured right: Maori Party MP Rahui Katene, Rose Katene & Kamiria

Ngati Raukawa hosted an ART confederation hui along with several other invited iwi to discuss the relationship between the Maori and National Parties.

Both parties showed they are working hard to maintain the relationship beneficial for Maori. The majority of the Maori party MP's attended. The National Party members were lead by the Rt Hon Prime Minister John Key.

The day went well with fantastic weather to cater for the large crowd that had come along to Raukawa Marae to hear what each political party had to say.

The Prime Minister said we would see the Foreshore and Seabed Bill repealed and this would be done with the support of the bulk of New Zealanders. He went onto say that the relationship between National and the Maori party was getting stronger and stronger. A statement that went down well with the crowd. But the most humorous statement was when the Prime Minister said, "I'd rather be

hitchhiking around Te Tai Tokerau with Hone Harawira than stuck on the Labour Party bus". This comment seemed to strike a note with all in attendance and went down well considering the MP's travel costs had just been released to the public.

Pita Sharples summed up the relationship quite well in terms confidence and supply agreement. The relationship allows both parties to agree to disagree on many issues other than confidence of supply. This means that the Maori Party will stick with National when it comes to money matters.

Tariana's comments were brief but to the point. Her main item was whanau ora. The health of our families be it through education, health etc. Tariana would like to see money spent constructively on whanau ora. She was quite passionate about this take so this was the only topic of conversation. In regards to Maori Tariana said, "we are on our way up".

Once the politicians had their korero it was time to hand over the reins to a represented from each iwi. There was a representative from Raukawa, Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai, Ngati Apa, Muaupoko, Rangitaane and Mahurenga (Uncle Mahu) Wineera represented Ngati Toa Rangatira.

The representatives spoke about environmental issues, how we as Maori have changed in the ways we vote, importance of supporting the Maori Party, the issues that Maori have encountered with political parties over the years etc.

Uncle Mahu's speech focused on the need for kaumatua to encourage rangatahi to make their voices heard and vote. He believed that he had witnessed change in the last few hours while sitting on the mahau listening to all of the korero. He went on to add that it is important that the rangatahi are also encouraged to become educated. Uncle Mahu's quote of the day encouraging people of all ages to vote was summed up nicely - "the tick is mightier than the sword".

NGA RARANGI E WHAI NEI ...

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From the Chair



Tena koutou Ngati Toa Rangatira ma.

Kia a ratou kua wehe atu ki Hawaiki roa, ki a Hawaiki pamaomao te hono i wairua, moe mai, whakangaro atu. Tatou te kanohi ora, tena ano koutou katoa.

As I write this, whanau around the motu have experienced loss of loved ones, our thoughts and prayers are with them. It was with great sadness but also a great sense of pride that we said farewell to our Rangatira Jensen Te Kakakura Parata. A life well lived. His military comrades came to pay their respects, as did a great many people from all walks of life. Ka Mate performed on our own marae, by our own people, for our own people it is at its most powerful best. To his family, we thank you for bringing him home.

As I have said before, there is plenty to do. We have a postal ballot to confirm our Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) status that would, among other things, allow our aquaculture settlement to come across. A referendum on the voting status of whangai and spouses, as well

as representation of iwi members in non-Ngati Toa rohe, specifically Kirikiriroa. There is also work to do building the structure of our Runanga, its governance and corporate entities. This is no small task. If we are to successfully complete all that is required of us to obtain settlement assets, we must have in place holding companies, corporate and charitable structures before our Deed of Settlement can be ratified by legislation in Parliament.

In the High Court, the application for a judicial review of Ngai Tahu against the findings of the Waitangi Tribunal Te Tau Ihu Iwi Report was unsuccessful. This means in fact that the Crown will have to recognize the customary rights of some Te Tau Ihu Iwi in the Ngai Tahu Takiwa. Ngati Toa Rangatira has always maintained our customary rights in Te Waipounamu and will expect some form of equitable compensation in our settlement to ensure it is a truly comprehensive settlement. Many of our people have whakapapa links to other Te Tau Ihu iwi as well as Ngai Tahu hapu and would not wish the Crown's actions or lack of action to add unnecessary and increased tension to the relationship between Ngai Tahu and Ngati Toa Rangatira.

It was interesting to see at our last Runanga hui the great increase in applications to our tertiary study grants. This is, I believe a positive and exciting step in the right direction for all our whanau and wish happy future completion of degrees and

achievements of goals to all our applicants. Education will be a building block of our future aspirations. As the profile of Ngati Toa Rangatira rises with the nearness of the signing of the Deed of Settlement and the subsequent Ngati Toa Rangatira Settlement legislation, more will be asked of us to consult, inform and give opinion in many external forums. This is where we will need our people to help out. An example is the great response we have had from several strong candidates to represent Ngati Toa's interests in the Greater Wellington Regional Council Planning Committee.

We look forward to making an announcement on the successful candidate shortly.

An ope of Ngati Toa also participated in the Ngai Tahu exhibition closing at Te Papa. This was a fantastic evening hosted by Ngai Tahu and we would like to mihi to them for providing us with a memorable evening enjoyed by all that attended. We would also like to mihi to you for the beautiful taonga that was gifted from Ngai Tahu to Ngati Toa.

It is good to see the sun again after what seems a long winter.

Kia kaha ra oku whanaunga ma.

Arika Wi Neera
Kaiwhakahaere
Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira

REGISTER TO VOTE

The Runanga now operates under the new set of constitutional rules as passed at our hui a iwi on Saturday 13 June. This means in order to participate in Runanga voting you must be a validated iwi member with Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira.

As well as those that whakapapa to Ngati Toa we are also accepting spousal registrations of Ngati Toa

iwi members.

If you are married or in a defacto relationship and your partner would like to be eligible to participate in the iwi voting process please have them register online or complete an iwi registration form.

There is a full and comprehensive outline of the up and coming iwi postal vote on page 5 of this Panui.

Please read this carefully and contact the Runanga if you have any questions.

Registration can be done online via our website, www.ngatitooa.iwi.nz or by contacting the Runanga Office on 04 237 7922 and we will send you out a form.

Keep updated with how the Runanga is progressing by registering now.

Executive Director



Kia ora koutou

Treaty Claim Update

The Runanga continues to be busy. In the last month negotiations have sped right up and Te Kaha now have a firm schedule of deadlines outlined to work towards to meet a December 2009 settlement draft to be submitted to cabinet. We are optimistic that this can be done and we have enlisted a great team of experts to help us achieve this target.

Commercial Redress Update

We have engaged and are enlisting a team of experts to help us achieve this we have already engaged some consultants to provide us with property valuations and other information. Their advice will be invaluable for making informed decisions.

The lack of information provided to us by OTS is problematic given the short timeframe and large number of properties.

Cultural Redress Update

Work is continuing on the haka protocols kaitiaki instrument for the Cook Strait and other sites to be vested in the iwi.

We recently held hui at the Takapuwhia and Hongoeka Marae Committee meetings to discuss potential place name changes throughout the rohe as part of our cultural redress.

We feel that the Marae forums provide us with a good opportunity to feedback information to iwi and allow iwi members to participate in Runanga discussions.

From time to time we may need to call

hui to discuss matters with iwi members. We will try to use Marae Committee meetings, email, website and facebook to get our message out to whanau for feedback. Understandably this may not suit everyone but given our tight deadlines we need to move at some expediency on some matters.

This should not cause anxiety in the iwi as Te Kaha must report back to the Runanga board on these matters and before any settlement can be adopted including all aspects of the deed it is required to take to iwi for iwi members for consent and ratification.

Te Papa Board Appointment

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miria Pomare who has recently been appointed to the Te Papa Museum Board. Miria was welcomed to the Board along with Sir Wira Gardiner, Michael Bassett and Christopher Parkin.

Ngai Tahu High Court Ruling

Ngati Toa have been involved with the latest legal battle taken by Ngai Tahu against the Attorney General over the final Waitangi Tribunal report released in 2008.

On Friday 14th August High Court Judge McKenzie found that; the Ngai Tahu case against the Waitangi Tribunal Report findings had failed and the judicial review application had been dismissed.

The Waitangi Tribunal report acknowledged that the six Te Tau Ihu iwi (Ngati Toa, Rangitane, Ngati Apa, Ngati Rarua, Ngati Tama and Te Atiawa) had been excluded from seeking customary rights within the designated Ngai Tahu takiwa due to the 1990 Maori Appellate Court decision granting Ngai Tahu sole ownership within its designated takiwa. All six iwi claimed customary rights.

We were extremely pleased when the 2008 Waitangi Tribunal Report was

released supporting the arguments that we had provided prior to the judgement set down by the Maori Appellate Court.

The court ruling and with the findings of the 2008 Waitangi Tribunal report Ngati Toa will now be seeking to discuss redress with the Crown.

Ngai Tahu have lodged an appeal against the decision. We will monitor any movement on this front and take necessary action as required.

Up and Coming Postal Vote

The Runanga's first postal vote will begin shortly. The vote will be taken to seek the approval of the iwi in becoming a mandated iwi organisation (MIO). We are seeking a positive outcome from this vote as we will then be able to receive our Aquaculture Fisheries Settlement funds as well as our accumulated fisheries assets with an estimated value of \$16-\$18 million. We expect that settlement will be in November.

Ka piki to ora

Matiu Rei
Executive Director

Soon to be listed:

We have a number of positions that we will be calling for interested iwi members to apply for.

- 1) A new Finance Committee will be established as a sub-committee to the Runanga Board. Full details of this position will be advertised through the iwi website and email shortly.
- 2) We will be seeking registrations of interest from iwi members that would like to sit as the Ngati Toa representative for the Whakatu Marae Land Trust. Information on this position will be available shortly.

Runanga Business continued....

Hui-a-iwi - Whakatu

Runanga Representatives travelled to Whakatu at the end of August for a hui called by Ngati Toa ki Whakatu. This was the most well attended hui that Ngati Toa have held in Whakatu over recent times so, it was fantastic to see many of the whanau present.

There were a number of tāke that Whakatu whanau wanted addressed and Executive Director, Matiu Rei was glad to assist in answering their questions.

The discussion points were in regards to iwi registrations, the up and coming postal vote and how it will work, runanga representation for Whakatu, possibility of a Ngati Toa ki Whakatu office or service provider, treaty

negotiations update and Ngati Toa wananga.

There was some great korero exchanged and also clarification provided to iwi members. One key point to note was that although the Runanga would love to be able to provide services in Whakatu it wasn't something that we could look at right now but possibly next year we could start discussions on the possibility of a business venture in Whakatu.

It was also great to see the enthusiasm for a Ngati Toa wananga request in Whakatu. The discussions were focussed around history, whakapapa, reo and waiata. We look forward to progressing this tāke.



Pictured: Mariu Rene, Melanie McGregor, Ratapu Hippolite & Lovey Gieger

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Fisheries Regulation Changes

The Minister of Fisheries Hon Phil Heatley has announced a number of fishery regulation changes that come into effect on 1 October 2009.

The key change that may effect some iwi members is the amount of paua that can be accumulated (eg what you can hold in your freezer). You can now only hold a total of 20 paua or the equivalent meat weight of paua (2.5kgs) in your possession on any given day.

There have been a number of commercial fishing changes also.

To read the full document please go to the Ministry of Fisheries website for full details on the changes.

Aotea Block

We continue to raise the issue of Aotea with PCC. Council officials are keen to see the Aotea Block issue resolved, and have given an undertaking to work with the Runanga and our lawyers to find a suitable piece of council reserve land for Iwi purposes.

GWRC Natural Resource Management Plan Development Committee Position

The Runanga advertised this position through the website and iwi email. We had a great response with high quality candidates to select from. We look forward to announcing the successful candidate in the next few days. Please look out for the announcement on the website.

ORA TOA HEALTH SERVICE

Ora Toa will be running their **School Holiday Program** in the first week of the school holidays (28th September - 1st October) for tamariki aged from 5 - 12 years.

The program will run daily from 9.30 to 1.30pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided to the tamariki.

The kids can enjoy daily activities in a fun and healthy environment. If your tamariki is interested in attending please contact Mel on 04 237 0110. We have 50 spaces available.

Breast Screening

Breast Screening Awareness month starts in October.

Breast Screening Aotearoa is available FREE for women every 2 years:

- Who are aged 45 - 69years
- With no current breast symptoms
- Have not had a mammogram in the last 12 months
- Is not pregnant or breastfeeding.

The Breast Screening mobile unit will be in Porirua from 28 September - 29 October.

MEASLES ALERT:

There are currently measles outbreaks in Christchurch and some confirmed cases in Auckland.

If your child has NOT been immunised for measles and is aged between 12 months and 12 years please go to your local Medical Centre and ask for your child to receive the vaccine. Local whanau can also call into the Ora Toa Health Unit on Wednesday's anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Any children due to be vaccinated at 15 months or 4 years can receive the vaccine early.

Any adult born after 1969 without a clear history of having had measles or receiving vaccination may also receive the vaccine.

LET'S BECOME A MANDATED IWI ORGANISATION

We are now moving into a new phase within the iwi as we are prepare to receive our Aquaculture Settlement funds. In order to do this we must become a mandated iwi organisation.

WHAT WILL WE BE VOTING ON?

The vote will be taken to decide whether or not we become a mandated iwi organisation.

You will simply be asked to tick YES or NO.

Please note that this vote does not apply to any of the recent constitutional changes hui. The changes to the constitution have been passed and the Runanga are now operating under the new rules.

WHAT DOES A 'YES' TICK MEAN?

If we receive a 75% 'YES' vote we will become a Mandated Iwi Organisation.

This will mean that we are saying 'YES' to receive our Aquaculture Fisheries Settlement funds worth almost \$16 to \$18 million.

WHY WOULD YOU TICK 'NO'?

To tick 'NO' would only delay the process of becoming a mandated iwi organisation. To vote 'NO' would mean that we would need to continue our postal voting on whether to become a mandated iwi organisation.

HOW WILL THE VOTING WORK?

Every validated iwi member will receive a voting pack by post in the mail.

To be a validated iwi member, the Runanga must have received all registration requirements as set out on the iwi registration form and all whakapapa has been confirmed.

The voting packs will be sent to the address of each iwi member provided to the Runanga at the time of registration or notified by the iwi member.

WHO WILL LOOK AFTER THE VOTES?

We will be using an independent returning officer, Mr Bill Bevan of the Whitireia Community Law Centre to administer the votes.

All voting papers will be returned directly to a PO Box that only Mr Bevan will have access to.

THE VOTING FORMS

Voting forms will be sent to the individual. Each iwi member will be allocated a number and this will appear on the voting form.

Each voting form will contain a declaration section that must be completed and signed by the iwi member.

We cannot accept voting forms if they have been signed by other whanau members.

WHEN WILL THE FORMS BE SENT?

Postal forms will start being posted from the middle of next week (22nd September).

The completed forms will need to be returned by post in the freepost envelope provided no later than 5pm on Thursday 29th October.

If you are of Ngati Toa descent but did not receive voting forms you may not be registered or we do not have your updated address. You will still have an opportunity to make a special vote by attending the special meeting as detailed in the notice on the right.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

A list of all registered iwi members will be listed on the website under the Runanga/Documents section.

We also have a list of iwi members that have no address on the website. If you know the contact details of any person shown please contact the Runanga so we can get their forms to them. Please ring or email Jennie on 04 238 4952 or jennie.smeaton@ngatittoa.iwi.nz.

He Panui

TE RUNANGA O TOA RANGATIRA INC

Notice is hereby given of a Special General Meeting of Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira, which will be held at on Puna Ora, 26 Ngatittoa Street, Takapuwhia, Porirua from 10am to 12noon, Friday 30th October 2009.

AGENDA

Special Business: Resolution 1

A vote will be taken to decide:

That the Rules of Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated be ratified for the purposes of the Runanga becoming the Mandated iwi Organisation for Ngati Toa Rangatira under the Maori Fisheries Act 2004 and Iwi Aquaculture Organisation for Ngati Toa Rangatira under the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act Postal votes will be sent to all registered adult members of Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira Inc, whose memberships have been validated. Ballot papers must be received by post no later than 5pm 29th October 2009 OR in person at the Special General Meeting by 12 noon Friday 30th October 2009.

Any eligible person who is not registered to vote can apply for a special vote in person, at the special meeting on Friday 30th October. The vote will be treated as provisional until your registration has been completed and membership has been validated. For further information, explanatory documentation or to obtain a copy of Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira Rules go to www.ngatittoa.iwi.nz

or

Contact the Returning Officer

Ph; 04 237-6811, Ext 705

Fax: 04 237-6816

or

email registrations@ngatittoa.iwi.nz

EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

Thank you to the all those that completed their education grant applications. The Education Committee was overwhelmed with the number of applicants that applied this year as it is the most that we have ever received. Congratulations to all those that are carrying on their tertiary studies. The Runanga has been able to grant 66 scholarships worth a total value of \$38,800.

The recipients are as follows:

Ashleigh Akuhata-Day	Bachelor of Arts
Jasmine Arthur	Bachelor of Arts
Te Huri Jury Arthur	Bachelor Sports Management
Takuna Bayliss	Degree in Social Work
Jaqui Brown	Certificate in Nursing
Debra Carter	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
Margiana Cullinan	Bachelor of Nursing Maori
Melanie Cullinan	Bachelor of Arts
Alescha Davies	Diploma in Culinary Arts
Laura Davies	Bachelor of Arts
Herani DeMuth	Diploma in Whakairo
Kempton DeMuth	Diploma in Whakairo
Raiha DeMuth	Diploma in Whakairo
Russleigh DeMuth	Diploma in Commercial Skydiving
Bianca Elkington	Bachelor of Arts
Jazmin Elkington	Bachelor of Arts
Pirihira Elkington	Bachelor of Teaching
Tyler Elkington	Bachelor of Science Technology
Latoya Flutey	Diploma in Social Work
Teresa Foster	Bachelor of Language
Bonnie Gaudry	Diploma in Beauty
Ammon Goldsmith	Bachelor of Arts - Performing Arts
Liahona Hamblin	Bachelor of Science
Michelle Hamblin	Bachelor of Law
Mereremihana Heke	Sport & Fitness Level 3
Kimberley Hettig	Bachelor of Health Science - Nursing Maori
Frank Hippolite	Bachelor of Law
Stephen Kenny	Post Grad Diploma Public Health
Rachael Kerse	Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Teaching
Sheree Klenner	Bachelor of Nursing Maori
Miranda Kini	Bachelor of Teaching
Stephen Kira	Bachelor of Applied Arts
Nathaniel Lane-Webber	Applied Arts
Melissa Luke	Bachelor of Arts
Mahia Malone	Bachelor of Maori Nursing
Roimata McGregor	Bachelor of Arts
Gregory Moke	Bachelor of Health Science
Anaha Morehu	Society & Health Studies
Te Ra Moriarty	Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies

Lucas Nisbet	Certificate Live Sound & Event Production
Aurelia Pamumum	Masters in Social Work
Ashleigh Parata	Bachelor of Commerce & Administration
Hayden Parata	Bachelor in IT
Lisa Parata	Bachelor of Commerce & Administration
Kiri-au-ahi Piripi	Te Arawa Future Farmers
James Rene	Bachelor of Design
Bianca Rongo	Bachelor of Nursing
Theresa Rorason	Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours
Deena Rees Royal	Bachelor of Midwifery
Ani Ruwhiu	Postgraduate Diploma in Education
Amiria Salzmann	Certificate in Master Craft Level 5
Ashleigh Sagar	Diploma in film, tv, fashion SPFX professional make up
Jessie Scirkovich	Certificate Early Childhood Education
Warren Smith	Bachelor of Arts - Te Reo Maori
Ayesha Solomon	Bachelor of Arts
Naomi Solomon	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration and Bachelor of Laws
Seanna Solomon	Diploma in Web Design
Pohe Stephens	Bachelor of Maori & Pacific Development
Leilani Teariki	Bachelor in Psychology
Jared Tito	Electrical Apprenticeship
Sterling Tito	Bachelor of Arts
Michelle Tupaea	Bachelor of IT
Ian Ware	Plumbing Trade
Tracey White	Bachelor of Midwifery
Hinekura Winiata	Diploma in Design & Art

If you are considering tertiary study either full or part-time the Runanga will accept applications up to the beginning of August each year.

To qualify to receive an education grant you must be a registered iwi member with the Runanga. Details of the grant applications can be found on the iwi website www.ngatittoa.iwi.nz or phone our office on 04 237 7922.

For your information the Education Committee Members are:

Jeannette Katene - Chair
Willis Katene
Herani Ware
Linda Hall-Thorpe
Taku Parai
Te Arika Wineera

HOHEPA (Joe Pop) Wi Neera

Hohepa (Joe) Wi Neera was born on 14 September 1871. He was the eldest son of Wi Neera Te Kanae and Harata Cootes. Hohepa was widely acknowledged throughout Aotearoa as Ngati Toa's Paramount Chief.

Hohepa married Takuna Horomona, who was the daughter of Horomona Nohorua and Riria Te Kahurangi. They had one child together named Mateo (Dodi) Wi Neera. Takuna had two children prior to marrying Hohepa, Pekahou Parata and Teiringa Horomona.

Hohepa was a top wool classer very fit and worked closely with Ringi (Joe) Solomon who ran a shearing gang. Hohepa classed wool for a company in Wellington called Dalgety's. Nephew Mahurenga Wi Neera recalls from an early age Hohepa explaining to him the correct way to shear a sheep to get the best value for money. This of course was an invaluable lesson to a sheep farmer.

His trademarks were his bowler hat and his tokotoko. Hohepa gifted the Ngati Toa name to Ngati Toa Primary School over 50 years ago. A carving was erected at the school in recognition of Hohepa that displays his trademark tokotoko (as seen in the above picture).

In his later years Hohepa remarried Waepiti Martin (Matenga). Waepiti was a midwife and it was through this



role that they came to whangai Te Kākākura Jensen Parata (great, great, grandson of Te Kākākura Wi Parata). Jensen can recall living next to the harbour in an old house where now Te Puna Ora stands. The house had a clean dirt floor and the walls were lined with newspaper and old sacking. During the evenings Joe Pop and Jensen would go out on the harbour with their lantern to catch flounders. They later moved to the top of Puaha Street with Waepiti's whanau.

Hohepa would attend many hui as the spokesperson for Ngati Toa and was known throughout the motu as a great orator. Many would travel to his home and wananga all night into early hours of the morning. It is widely agreed

that when Hohepa spoke people would sit and listen to him for hours. It would not be uncommon for him to speak to groups for up to 3 hours at a time. All with the full of attention of his audience.

As well as a great orator Hohepa Wi Neera along with Jim Toi (Toitoti Te Hiko) held great knowledge of Ngati Toa whakapapa. They would often be consulted over whakapapa. Henry Tuwhanga from Tainui would often come to see Hohepa and Jim to compare their whakapapa with his.

Hohepa would co-ordinate with the distribution of kai between whanau in Taranaki and Wairau. Through the MacDonald whanau in Wairau potatoes would be sent to Porirua and be distributed to each whanau and likewise with an exchange of the tuere (blind eel) and piarau (lamprey eel) to Taranaki whanau.

Hohepa loved rugby and his son Mateo was a member of the NZ Maori All Black's. He would also follow his son Jensen around to all of his rugby matches taking a keen interest in his sporting abilities.

Every Saturday Hohepa would pick up his two mates Alec Wineera and Joe Solomon and they would catch the train to the Paekakariki Pub where they would socialise. The three of them also had a tradition of visiting all the homes of the kaumatua at Christmas. Sometimes this would take the whole day but one that they and the Kaumatua looked forward to.

In later years when Hohepa became ill he went to live with his step-daughter Teiringa and her husband Joe Solomon in Nohorua Street, Takapuwhia. Teiringa and her daughter Takuna (Girlie) nursed Hohepa until he died on the 14th September 1960.

Hohepa's tangi was held at Takapuwhia Marae and was well attended from representatives from throughout the motu.

Story compiled from interviews with Jensen Parata, Boy Wi Neera, Claire Me-tekingi & Mahu Wi Neera



REGISTRATION OF INTEREST BOAT SKIPPER – CASUAL/ RELIEVING WORK

Company: Kapiti Tours Ltd
Location: Paraparaumu Beach
Minimum qualification required: LLO
Kapiti Tours Ltd is seeking registrations of interest for skipper for casual/relieving work on our 10 metre catamaran passenger ferry which operates between Paraparaumu Beach and Kapiti Island.

Previous commercial or boat handling experience preferable.

CV's to Kapiti Tours Ltd
PO Box 50079
PORIRUA

info@kapititours.co.nz

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST GUIDING

Company: Kapiti Tours Ltd
Location: Kapiti Island

Kapiti Tours Ltd is seeking registrations of interest from individuals interested in becoming a guide on Kapiti Island. These are casual positions and training will be provided.

This position would suit someone who has a passion for flora and fauna as well as local iwi history. You will also need to have public speaking skills.

Out and About

Ngati Toa Manawhenua ki te Tau Ihu Trust

The Ngati Toa Manawhenua ki Te Tau Ihu Trust held their annual general meeting in early August. The Trust has been producing a good return but discussions were had in regards to ensuring that the Trust continue producing a revenue. The main income source for the Trust is via fishing quota that is leased out.

The Trust is also facing the task of changing their constitution. Currently the constitution restricts who can participate in being nominated for the Trust seats. This clause has hamstrung the progression of the Trust to a certain extent as many of those eligible to stand for the Trust are not a resident of



Left to right: Marg Jacobsen, Dianne Sinclair & Pat Craven

the Wairau. The Trust will begin reviewing their rules now that the Runanga's new rules have been ac-

cepted.

Lorraine Eade stood down from the Trust after 19 years as a Trustee. Lorraine has been a key driving force behind the establishment and the success of the Trust to date. Her presence will be missed but no doubt her valuable insight and knowledge will be only a phone call away.

Lorraine has been replaced on the Board by Henry Parata. Henry resides in Whakatu but travels regularly to the Wairau area to teach kapa haka. Henry has also been the union representative for Sealords.

Ngati Toa Manawhenua ki te Tau Ihu Trust

Te Puni Kokiri have been charged with the task of consulting with Maori on what flag would best represent Maoridom. The discussions are being facilitated throughout the motu by Takawai Murphy. Ngati Toa had representation at the hui held at Taputeranga Marae in Wellington and Omaka Marae in Wairau where there was plenty of

positive discussion about the proposed flag options.

The four flags being considered were selected because there are no issues with regards to the intellectual, design and property rights.

They are the Tino Rangatiratanga flag, NZ Flag, the NZ Red Ensign and

the flag of Independent tribes.

Takawai explained that throughout the hui there has been some good korero on the subject.

Those in attendance at Taputeranga chose the Tino Rangatiratanga flag as their preferred option. We'll keep you updated on what flag is selected.

RARANGA/WEAVING COURSE WHITIREIA COMMUNITY POLYTECHNIC

If you've got the basics in weaving then this programme is for you!

Start date: October 2009
Location: Hongoeka Marae
Tutor: Kohai Grace
Duration: One year
Delivery: 12 weekend noho, and 12 one-day workshops

A programme designed for those who would like to learn various practices for preparing a range of materials for weaving, and using these, specialize in either raranga (kete etc), whatu (clock making) and tukuruku (lattice wall panels) to create artworks.

If you're interested you can contact Kohai directly on 021 051 9915 or Tania Piki at Whitireia Community Polytechnic on 04 237 3100 ext 3765.

School Holiday Programmes

It's school holiday time again whanau and Rangatuaau Mauriora will be running a school holiday programme for Ngati Toa tamariki in the second week of the school holidays (Monday 5th - Thursday 8th October). This program is being supported by Environmental Science and Research (ESR). The name of this programme is **Nga Uri o te Whenua**.

Tamariki will have a jam packed week of fun and exciting activities focused on the environment. We even have a super secret surprise day trip planned!

We have 40 spaces available for this program aimed at tamariki between the ages of 5 - 12yrs.

To register your tamariki for this program please contact Raewyn on 04 238 4071 or Jennie on 04 238 4952.

The program will run from 9am - 3pm each day.

The tamariki have a fantastic time on these programs so if they haven't been to one of our holiday programs before we'd love to see you at this one.

Whanau will be provided with a program of the weeks activities on the first day of the holiday program.

Nau mai Haere mai whanau!

Out and About

Mana Island

Resident Mana Island Ranger, Sue Caldwell and her partner Frank Higgott (Ngati Toa) have been busy over the winter months arranging groups to travel to the island for the annual tree regeneration planting.

Frank has actively been encouraging iwi involvement on the island and was keen to have Ngati Toa whanaunga travel over to lend a helping hand. Through the Runanga we advertised dates available for planting and a few Ngati Toa whanau took up the challenge. Frank and his whanau enjoyed the iwi groups working on the island especially Frank and Sue's son Piripi who was happy to have some more human company at hand.

Frank and Sue have been so welcoming and make the trip to the island enjoyable that we will be looking at other ways we can travel over to participate in the future.



Left and clockwise: Rewa Downs, Paris Solomon, Sharli-Jo Solomon and Paul Mathews as well as the island locals.

Minister pays a visit



Hon Georgina Te Heuheu Minister of Courts, Disarmament & Arms Control, Pacific Island Affairs & Associate Maori Affairs Minister.

The Hon Georgina Te Heuheu along with National List MP Hekia Parata paid a visit to the Runanga recently to discuss the new Youth Opportunities Package released by the Government at the beginning of August. It was a humorous visit to say the least with both Ministers obviously feeling right at home with us.

The Youth Opportunities package provided some food for thought for the Runanga services as well as positive possibilities that our Marae could tap into. One particular package that generated comment was the community max option that could work very well for our Marae.

KAUMATUA ACKNOWLEDGE A DEAR FRIEND



Above: Ammon Katene, Mrs Joyce, Te Rerehua Nicholls-Parai, Aporo Joyce, Kane Hamon, Pirikawau Parai, Taku Parai.

After four years as the President of the Porirua RSA, Aporo Joyce (Nga Puhi) decided it was time to step down and let someone else take hold of the reins. Aporo has worked alongside Ngati Toa for many years, through the RSA. In recent years with the revival of our ANZAC Day commemorations Aporo has worked closely with Auntie Lil Nicholls-Parai to ensure that our ANZAC Day program is in order and assists by providing us with the necessary military forces on the day. In recognition for the

work Aporo has done for the iwi the Kaumatua invited Aporo and his wife to attend their August hui. The Kaumatua were provided with the opportunity to share stories with Aporo over a kai.

Aporo said that he is looking forward to spending next ANZAC Day at his own marae up north for the first time in many years..

Kevin Osbourne will replace Aporo as the RSA President and we look forward to establishing a close relationship with him as well.

Achievements

Jane Tawhi - Postgraduate Degree in Mental Health Nursing



Jane has managed to gain a number of degrees over recent years. She gained her Degree in Nursing completing the Bachelor of Nursing (Pacific) in 2007 graduating in 2008. Jane then completed her Postgraduate in Mental Health Nursing in 2008 graduating in March 2009.

Jane hasn't stopped here she has now started studying towards her masters. Jane currently works in Maori Mental Health as a

child and adolescent community mental health nurse and she loves it.

Jane even recalls that her Nana (Aunty Ruth Wineera) was so proud of her while she was studying that she would tell all of her caregivers at Russell Kemp that she was a nurse. Jane is quick to acknowledge the love and support of her whanau in particular her husband, son and mother. Hopefully in the future the Runanga will be able to have Jane working for us.

Eve Rongo - Admitted to the bar



Selwyn Katene, Eve Rongo & Rahui Katene

Eve Rongo (nee Katene) was admitted to the bar Friday 7th August in the Wellington High Court, which means she is now a fully fledged barrister and solicitor.

Of course there was a large ope in tow to support Eve but due to the space most waited for her to come out of the court room. It was worth the wait though as when Eve walked out of the court doors as a fully fledged lawyer her whanau greeted her with a masive haka. Eve's korero was about being Maori, being a woman and studying law while

supporting three kids (four including the husband), and all while her husband was studying fulltime as well.

We all came back to Mums office in Parliament for a kai.

Eve has already been offered a position with a law firm and is currently weighing her options.

She is the first lawyer in the Katene whanau, and the third from the Hippolite whanau after her mother, Rahui, and her uncle, Frank.

Holly Tunstall - Scholarship Recipient

Holly Tunstall (moko of June Davies) is the recipient of a new Victoria University scholarship - the Robert Bostock Scholarship. Holly is in her first year of studying toward a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration and a Bachelor of Science. Holly was

one of five students awarded the inaugural scholarship. The Robert Bostock Scholarship was made possible by a \$1million bequest by Robert Bostock a retired analyst from Wellington that died a few years ago. The grant is for \$4000 and students names

are put forward by their principal. Holly not only had fantastic grades she also has a strong sense of community and has been volunteering for IHC for quite sometime.

We wish Holly luck in her studies.

MAORI NURSING PROGRAMME OFF TO A GOOD START

Whitireia Polytechnic launched their Bachelor of Nursing Maori programme on 27 July 2009. This programme commenced with a powhiri of the students and their whanau at Hongoeka Marae.

The course allows students to study to achieve a Nursing degree but the special aspect of this particular programme is that its key focus is on kaupapa Maori.

The course is lead by a team of

experienced Maori nurses and the programme leader is Hemaima Hughes (Te Whakatohea).

Of the 32 positions available on the course we have been fortunate to have 3 filled by Ngati Toa iwi members. With the strong health focus of the Runanga the benefits that this particular nursing programme could potentially provide to the Runanga is great. Executive Director Matiu Rei says, "this course is fantastic for Ngati Toa and Maori in general. Whitireia

has a pacific focused programme so a kaupapa Maori programme is highly desirable. The Runanga has a huge health focus so it would be great to be able to fill our health units with as many Maori providers, in particular Ngati Toa. We are very eager to see the benefits that this programme can provide to the iwi and it is fantastic to see that on the first in take we have 3 Ngati Toa".

Sports

MOANA VIRTUE CARVING UP

Moana Virtue (daughter of Lena McCarthy) has been making a name for herself as the Queensland Rugby Captain.

Moana has played rugby for over ten years playing in New Zealand for the Johnsonville Club, Junior Wellington representative as well as a representative in the Wellington Women's Maori team.

Moana and her whanau made the move across the ditch in 2007 seeking out new life. In doing so didn't mean hanging up her boots but looking for a new club to make her mark on.

Rugby is a whanau affair with her husband Damon stepping into the

coaching role at the request of his wife.

We look forward to hearing more about Moana's rugby exploits and how her rugby career is progressing.

TOA HOCKEY



Its time for the Toa hockey girls (pictured above the Toa B team) to hang up their boots for another season.

Toa were fortunate to be able to field two teams again this year and it has been great to see the skills develop for some of the younger players.

Both teams are now looking at winding down for the season and are eagerly awaiting the start of the summer hockey league.

In our next panui we'll be able to bring you the recipients of the 2009 Toa Hockey Trophies.

If anyone is interested in playing next year (especially our young girls) can you please contact Pania on 04 2377 965. Come on Grace, Trish-Lee, Georgia, Molly, Brooke and Paige we know you want to play so pick up the phone and call.

Whanau Announcements

Births

Grace Katene and Parekura Lalaga welcome the birth of their firstborn son, **Parekura (PJ) Te Takinga Lancaster**. PJ was born on 13 June 2009.

Boyd and Jessie Scirkovich welcome the birth of their first baby; a girl named **Nevaeh Panirau Scirkovich** born on 2 July.

Mahara Parai & Gareth King celebrate the birth of their son **Hikoia Eli Parai** born on 29 June 2009.

Reina Solomon welcomed the birth of her son **Wi Parata Te Kakakura Solomon**.

Carl and Beryl Farrell welcome the birth of their son - **Levi Farrell**.

Another pēpi for Milly and Ed Coker. **Te Kauwhata Coker** was born on 15 June 2009 weighing 5'5". Good on you Mil!

Miria Pomare and Haami Piripi celebrate the birth of their second little girl, **Raukura Pomare**.

Shirley and Tipene Kenny welcome their son to the whanau! **Tamihana Kenny** was born on 16th July weighing a very healthy 8'9".

Nathania McCarthy and Michael Hamilton celebrated the birth of their son **Diezel Mihaka Guillonta McCarthy Brandt Hamilton** on Friday 24th July weighing 8'8".

Kristy and Wade Reweti celebrate the birth of their second son born on 6 September 2009 named **Kauri Raukawa Reweti** weighing 7'13".

There have been many new additions this panui with a number of pēpi being welcomed into the Parai and Kenny whanau.

Birthday announcements

50th

Rangitoto Haami celebrated her 50th at Hongoeka Marae with whanau and friends. The theme was 70's and we hear it was a fantastic night. Great food, company and music.



Rangi Joseph (pictured above with his

moko) celebrated his 70th birthday at Wairau Pa. It was a huge event with beautiful seafood! Everyone certainly left with full puku's and smiles on their faces.

Dinny Rangihaeata and Wally Turvey celebrated their 70th birthdays at Hongoeka Marae.

Uncle Dinny and Uncle Wally had a fantastic time catching up with whanau.

90th - Kura Solomon (pictured below)



Congratulations to Aunty Kura who turned 90 in July. Aunty's whanau threw her a luncheon party at the Runanga offices.

This was a small occasion with close whanau members in attendance and a special visit from Mayor Jenny Brash.

Reminders

Rangatahi t-shirts for sale

The Ngati Toa Rangatahi Committee have for sale Ahi Kaa long sleeved t-shirts (check out the pictures below). They have a range of sizes from small to x-large and cost \$25.00.

These can be purchased from the Runanga office by phoning 04377922 or emailing runanga@ngatitoea.iwi.nz.



FACEBOOK

As technology keeps developing and the need for the Runanga to continually look at new ways to reach our Ngati Toa whanaunga what better way to do it than join the Facebook phenomenon. For all of you out there on Facebook please log on and become a fan of Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira. All of our panui will be placed on Facebook as well as our iwi website. As events arise we'll also make sure that photos are uploaded on the Facebook and the web so everyone can check it out.

Feel free to leave a message on our Facebook wall should you want anything answered about the Runanga.

TAKAPUWAHIA MARAE SPECIAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
6PM**

This special hui has been called to discuss the possible introduction of a tikanga program for offenders released into the community.

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

KEEP AOTEATOA ATAAHUA

Clean up NZ Week ran from the 4th - 11th September 2009. Local councils and groups ran a number of activities throughout this period.

Sharli-Jo Solomon has offered to organise a clean up around Takapuwhia and Hongoeka if whanau are interested. Sharli will supply the rubbish bags and gloves. If

you are interested please call Sharli on 027 6777 500.

Sharli will be running a clean up involving our tamariki on our school holiday programme.

Come on iwi if everything is supplied lets support this activity and make a difference.

Plastic Containers

The Takapuwhia Marae Committee would like to ask whanau to bring their empty ice cream containers when they have finished. This way when people go to take kai from the Marae they don't need to use the bowls but can just grab an ice cream container instead. If any whanau have borrowed dishes from the Marae can you please return them.

Maramataka

Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira
Third Thursday of the month
Te Puna Ora - Takapuwhia
3pm

Kaunihera Kaumatua
First Tuesday of the month
Te Puna Ora - Takapuwhia
10am

Takapuwhia Marae Committee
Second Wednesday of the month
Te Puna Ora - Takapuwhia
6pm

Rangatahi
First Monday of the month
Puna Ora
6.30pm

Hongoeka Marae Committee
Third Monday of the month
Hongoeka Marae 7pm

**Ora Toa Health Service Groups
Aqua Aerobics**
FREE - Tuesday and Thursdays,
8am-9am @ Cannons Creek Pool

Cancer Support Group
1st Friday of each month @ Ora Toa
Health Unit from 10am.

Diabetes Support Group
1st Thursday of each month, 12-
1pm @ Cannons Creek Medical
Centre.

TAKAPUWAHIA MARAE COMMITTEE INVITATION

The Marae committee extend an invitation to any of our whanau that have spare time during the week to come and help with catering at the Marae. The Marae host a number of groups that require catering. Catering is also a main source of income for the day to day running of the marae.

If you can lend some time to assist it would be much appreciated.

Please call Pania on 04 2377 965 to advise of your availability.